

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the dispensing of at least one serving from a dispensing apparatus comprising the steps of:

(a) entering identification information about a user;
(b) putting a dispensing apparatus at a first location in a ready state based on said identification information;

(c) ~~(b)~~ entering first dispensing information about said at least one serving in said readied dispensing apparatus, said first dispensing information including the quantity of said at least one serving;

(d) ~~(e)~~ entering destination information about a second location ~~a recipient of~~ where at least one serving is to be delivered to a customer, wherein the second location is a different location than the first location in said readied dispensing apparatus;

(e) ~~(d)~~ putting said readied dispensing apparatus in an activated state after linking said first dispensing information to said destination information; and

(f) ~~(e)~~ dispensing said at least one serving from said activated dispensing apparatus in the quantity entered as part of said first dispensing information, wherein said dispensing occurs after said linking of said first dispensing information to said destination information.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of putting said activated dispensing apparatus in a stand-by state.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises the number of said at least one serving to be dispensed.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises an input of an amount of payment.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises said dispensing apparatus which will dispense said at least one serving.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing apparatus dispenses said at least one serving into a container.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63, wherein said identification information comprises a bar code.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63, wherein said identification information comprises a magnetic strip.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63, wherein said identification information comprises a password.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63, wherein said identification information is part of a container.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises a bar code.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises a magnetic strip.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises a password.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information is part of a container.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of storing said identification information in a warehouse database.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of storing said first dispensing information in said warehouse database.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of storing said destination information in said warehouse database.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of comparing any two said stored information recorded in said warehouse database.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said destination information consists of an amount of payment.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said entering dispensing information step includes entering that said at least one serving is a refill serving, and wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

- (f) entering second dispensing information about at least one serving in said readied dispensing apparatus, said second dispensing information including information about said refill serving and the quantity of said at least one serving;

- (g) linking said second dispensing information to said destination information;

- (h) putting said readied dispensing apparatus in an activated state after linking said second dispensing information to said destination information; and

- (i) dispensing said at least one serving from said activated dispensing apparatus in the quantity entered as part of said second dispensing information, wherein said dispensing

occurs after said linking of said second dispensing information to said destination information.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of putting said activated dispensing apparatus in a stand-by state.

25. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of pressing an activation device to dispense said at least one serving after said dispensing apparatus is placed in said activated state.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of timing out the dispensing by disabling said activated dispensing apparatus and returning said activated dispensing apparatus to said readied state when said button is not pressed within the allocated time period.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of disabling said activated dispensing apparatus and returning said activated dispensing apparatus to said readied state when said at least one serving is dispensed into a container in accordance with said second dispensing information.

28. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing apparatus comprises a multi-dispensing apparatus.

29-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 1, wherein said at least one serving is a beverage.

64. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the dispensing of at least one serving from a dispensing apparatus comprising the steps of:

(a) entering first dispensing information about said at least one serving in a readied dispensing apparatus at a first location, said first dispensing information including the quantity of said at least one serving;

(b) entering destination information about a second location ~~of a recipient~~ where at least one serving is to be delivered to a customer, wherein the second location is a different location than the first location in said readied dispensing apparatus;

(c) putting said readied dispensing apparatus in an activated state after linking said first dispensing information to said destination information; and

(d) dispensing said at least one serving from said activated dispensing apparatus in the quantity entered as part of said first dispensing information, wherein said dispensing occurs after said linking of said first dispensing information to said destination information.